Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : I claim notice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : In that case the question need not have been answered if the official member was not in possession of the information.

President : I do sympathise with the honourable member who is asking the question and on the other hand I sympathise no less with the Chief Secretary who has been put in this wrong pose.

Counterfeit coin cases in 1106 and 1107.

233. ***Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi :** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) how long it is since the Criminal Investigation Department was opened ;

(*b*) the number of counterfeit coin cases detected and investigated in 1106 and 1107 by them ;

(*c*) the number of cases charge-sheeted in 1106 and 1107 ;

(*d*) the number committed to Sessions ; and

(*e*) the number ended in conviction ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai :

(*a*) Since 1095 M. E.

(*b*)	1106	...	10
	1107	...	12
(*c*)	1106	..	4
	1107	...	5
(*d*)	1106	...	1
	1107	...	4
(*e*)	1106	....	1
	1107	...	3

Suspension of arrests under civil warrants.

231. ***Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi ;** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when they received the report of the Agricultural Debt Redemption Committee ;

(*b*) whether arrests under civil warrants were suspended for a period of 6 months ;

(*c*) what were the reasons that induced the Government to suspend such warrants ;

(*d*) whether agricultural indebtedness has been in any way diminished after this period ;

(*e*) if not, why the concession was withdrawn ; and

(*f*) whether the Agricultural Debt Redemption Committee recommended exemption of arrest of agriculturists ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) 1-10-35.

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(*b*) & (*c*) The member is referred to the Royal Proclamations dated 14-3-35 and 13-6-35.

(*d*) Not that Government are aware of.

(*e*) By the time the period of the 2nd Proclamation expired, the Committee's report was received and the High Court issued a circular regarding the arrest and detention of judgment debtors based generally on the recommendations of the committee. Government considered that this concession would be enough till they issued final orders on the committee's report.

(*f*) Yes, subject to certain conditions.

Mr. P. Padmnabhan Tampi: With reference to the answer to part (*e*), may I know from the member whether the relief granted to the agriculturists by giving instructions to the courts are sufficient to relieve them from their present condition ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: That was all that was possible. At that time the committee's report was under the consideration of Government and honourable members know that a Bill has been introduced in the Lower House. By the time the period of the second Proclamation expired the Government thought it would be enough to ask the High Court to issue a circular.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: May I know whether it is not feasible to give further relief before the passing of the Bill in the Lower House.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I don't quite understand the question

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: Is it not proper that some interim relief should be given before the Bill that is now before the Assembly is passed into law ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Government think that the circular issued by the High Court is sufficient for the time being.

Auction sale of immovable property in execution of decrees.

235. ***Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether auction sales of immovable property in execution of decrees were suspended for a period of 6 months ;

(*b*) what are the grounds and reasons for granting the concession ;

(*c*) why the said concession was withdrawn:

(*d*) the number of sales of immovable property since the withdrawal of the concession ; and

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